

## Town of Kingston Springs - City Commission Minutes

- 1 Mayor Corlew called the July 19, 2007 Kingston Springs City Commission meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### Roll Call:

Laurie Cooper	Present
Gary Corlew	Present
Larry Craig	Present
Ray Crouch, Sr.	Absent
Debbie Finch	Present
Pam Lorenz	Present
David Risner	Absent
Chuck Sleighter	Present
Richard Swafford	Present

- 2 The City Commission minutes for the June 21, 2007 meeting have been circulated.

### Corrections to the minutes:

There were no corrections.

### Motion to Approve:

Commissioner Lorenz

### Second:

Commissioner Sleighter

### Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

### The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

**3 Commissioners announcements:**

- Commissioner Lorenz welcomed all the citizens that were present at the meeting and stated that she hoped to see them at future meetings. Commissioner Lorenz also thanked Dale Graham for her fund raising efforts for Kevin Downs.
- Mayor Corlew thanked Dale Graham and all the others for their efforts towards raising money for Kevin Downs.

**4 Community Input:**

- Keith Honchell at 407 Allison Court. Mr. Honchell listed several improvements that had been made since he moved to Kingston Springs (14) years ago. He stated that all of these improvements had been done without a 66% increase in property taxes. Mr. Honchell volunteered to be on a budget review board and stated that he was not pointing fingers that he just wanted to learn.
- Anita VanMelle at 434 Harpeth Meadows Drive. Ms. VanMelle stated that she was concerned about the tax rate. The rate meant an additional \$200.00 in taxes for her. She asked if the town had planned in a financially responsible way, had grants been solicited and what about the current roads that are pitted and have pot holes. She stated that she does not feel the town is being financially responsible.
- Richard Gibbs at 436 Harpeth Meadows Drive. Mr. Gibbs stated that he had lived in Kingston Springs for (17) years. He stated that he knew nothing about the tax increase until he saw the front page of the paper. He felt that the town did a very poor job of getting information out. Mr. Gibbs also stated that there was poor planning by the city officials. He asked if there was a master plan and where does it stand? Were grants solicited? Was any consideration given to families on fixed incomes? Kingston Springs is a bedroom community and is never going to be a Brentwood. He felt the board was killing the tax base. Mr. Gibbs suggested changes such as the form of government and recall of city officials. He asked if anything had been done to reduce cost and strongly recommended that the board change the budget.

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- Tony Campbell at 282 Woodlands Court. Mr. Campbell stated that he had concerns about the tax increase. He stated that the primary reason for the tax increase was the Main Street road project. Mr. Campbell stated that he understood that there was no surplus but it was unfair for a certain commissioner to blame the tax increase on the previous commission. He stated that it would have been better if the previous commission had made small tax increases every year like they did with the sewer. The board has no choice but to raise taxes, the project is started and we need to move forward.
- James Howell at 435 Harpeth Meadows. Mr. Howell stated that every time the state does a reappraisal his taxes go up.
- Jim Schippers 235 East Kingston Springs Road. Mr. Schippers asked if the 5% sewer rate increase was tied to the water rate. The board could not respond during community input and Mr. Schippers was told his question would be addressed later in the meeting.
- Keith Honchell at 407 Allison Court. Mr. Honchell asked the procedures for being put on the agenda. The procedure was explained and Mr. Honchell and Mr. Gibbs requested to be put on the agenda for the August 16, 2007 meeting.

**5 The department reports were circulated:**

**Motion to approve as circulated:**

Commissioner Sleighter

**Second:**

Commissioner Lorenz

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Sleighter asked about routine maintenance for sewer pumping. He stated that Mr. Gupton had told him he would pump his tank and never did. He wanted to know if a schedule had been decided on.

- Commissioner Lorenz stated that the efficiency rate of 92% is commendable.

**Those in favor of the motion:**

Corlew, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

**Those opposed to the motion:**

**The motion passed / failed:**

The motion passed.

**6 Update by the City Manager:**

- Mrs. Cooper reported that the road project was making great progress. The project will be completed in 30 days instead of the original 90 days.
- Commissioner Lorenz stated that she had received one complaint about the detour.
- Mrs. Cooper stated that Maple Street had been made "One Way" into town temporarily. The only complaint she had received is that the gentleman directing traffic could not give directions to the library.

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### 7 Old Business:

#### 7A Second Reading of Ordinance 07-002 - An Amendment to the Municipal Code for Temporary Residential Storage Unit Regulations.

Motion:

Commissioner Lorenz made a motion to approve Ordinance 07-002 on second reading.

Second:

Commissioner Sleighter

Discussion:

- Mr. Craig stated that the public hearing had been duly advertised and no one spoke for or against the ordinance.

Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

Those opposed to the motion:

None

One Commissioner absent and not voting.

The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

#### 7B Second Reading of Ordinance 07-003 - Amending the Sign Ordinance for Electronic Changeable Copy Sign Regulations.

Motion:

Commissioner Sleighter made the motion to approve on second and final reading.

Second:

Commissioner Lorenz

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### Discussion:

- Mr. Craig stated that the public hearing had been duly advertised and no one spoke for or against the ordinance.

### Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

### Those opposed to the motion:

### The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

## 8 New Business:

### 8A Resolution 07-002 - Bond for Sewer Repair on Main Street.

#### Motion:

Commissioner Lorenz made the motion to approve Resolution 07-002.

#### Second:

Commissioner Sleighter

#### Discussion:

Mrs. Cooper explained that this was a Capital Outlay Note with TML Bond Fund for emergency repairs on the sewer mains on Main Street. The mains in need of repair were discovered during the construction of water lines. This note will be paid from the Sewer Fund. The current bond will be paid in 2008.

#### Those in favor of the motion:

Corlew, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

#### Those opposed to the motion:

#### The motion passed / failed:

The motion passed.

### 8B Resolution 07-003 - Safety Partners Grant

#### Motion:

Commissioner Lorenz made the motion to approve Resolution 07-003.

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**Second:**

Commissioner Sleighter

**Discussion:**

None

**Those in favor of the motion:**

Corlew, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford

**Those opposed to the motion:**

**The motion passed / failed:**

The motion passed.

### 8C Resolution 07-005 - Annual Sewer Rate Increase.

**Motion:**

Commissioner Lorenz made the motion to approve Resolution 07-005.

**Second:**

Commissioner Sleighter

**Discussion:**

Mrs. Cooper explained the rate increase to Mr. Schippers who had asked questions during community input. There were more questions so a motion was made by Mr. Sleighter to suspend the rules. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swafford and carried unanimously.

- Adair Schippers at 235 East Kingston Springs Road asked with the leaks being fixed on Main Street was it necessary to have the 5% increase?
- Mrs. Cooper explained the cost involved.
- Tony Campbell at 282 Woodland Drive stated that the sewer system was 22 years old and not to expect sewer rates to go down due to cost of repairing an old system.
- Commissioner Sleighter asked what rate was figured on the secondary meter refunds.
- Mrs. Cooper stated that she did not know. The water department handles the refunds but she would try and find out.
- Mayor Corlew declared the meeting back in session at 7:46 PM.

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**Those in favor of the motion:**

**Corlew, Lorenz, Sleighter, Swafford**

**Those opposed to the motion:**

**The motion passed / failed:**

**The motion passed.**

### **8D First Reading of Ordinance 07-004 - Amending Ordinance 06-002 Regarding total Number of Wholesale Liquor Licenses Available.**

**Motion:**

**Commissioner Lorenz made the motion to change the number of wholesale liquor licenses available to (2).**

**Second:**

**Commissioner Swafford**

**Discussion:**

- **Commissioner Sleighter asked Commissioner Lorenz why she wanted to change the number back to (2).**
- **Commissioner Lorenz stated that she did not feel we had a need for (3).**
- **Commissioner Sleighter stated that he felt they should leave it at (3) and see what happens. Let competition dictate.**
- **Mayor Corlew stated that he did not like changing back and forth and felt they should leave it alone. He stated that the board does not regulate the number of grocery stores.**
- **Commissioner Swafford stated that he had voted for (2) from the beginning and he was sticking with (2).**

**Those in favor of the motion:**

**Lorenz and Swafford**

**Those opposed to the motion:**

**Corlew and Sleighter**

**The motion passed / failed:**

**The motion failed.**

**One commissioner absent and not voting.**

### **8E Approval from the board to apply for state grants.**



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- Mrs. Cooper requested approval to apply for state grants for Art In The Park, Fishing Rodeo and soccer goal equipment.
- The board gave approval to proceed with the grants.

### 9 **Planning Commission Update:**

The following items were addressed at the July Planning Commission:

Amendments to Language in the Planned Unit Development Regulations Regarding Rezoning.

Community Planner Sharon Caton discussed the "Five Acre Rule".

Discussion on amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding flood plain district regulations, penalties and variances.

Discussion on grading/excavation regulations by the community planner Sharon Caton.

### 10 **Other:**

- Mrs. Cooper stated that the town is limited with communication avenues but makes every effort to get the news out there. The public is welcome at city hall. Staff is there and happy to answer your questions.

### 11 **Meeting adjourned:**

Mayor Corlew adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

### 12 **Signatures:**

Mayor, Gary Corlew \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder, Debbie K. Finch \_\_\_\_\_